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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-20, and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nohara in view of Koorapaty.

Regarding claim 1 Nohara teaches a method for identifying transmitters in a wireless communication system (see col. 4, lines 33-41). Nohara teaches obtaining a plurality of received signals for a plurality of transmitters (see col. 3, lines 12-15, col. 6, lines 34-37 and FIG. 4). Nohara teaches determining a transmitter for each received signal (see col. 4, lines 23-28). Nohara teaches determining a list of candidate transmitters for the received signal (see col. 9, lines 20-25). Nohara does not specifically teach obtaining predicted power for each candidate transmitter in the list, and identifying the transmitter for the received signal based on predicted powers for the candidate transmitters and measured power for the received signal. Koorapaty teaches obtaining predicted received signal strength values for each transmitter (paragraph [0010], expected signal strength values of signals transmitted by base stations relate to predicted power for each transmitter). Koorapaty teaches identifying position based on predicted received signal strength values and measured received signal strength values (see paragraph [0011], predicted received signal strength relates to predicted power and measured received signal

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strength relates to measured power). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the identifying step in Nohara adapt to include obtaining predicted power for each candidate transmitter in the list, and identifying the transmitter for the received signal based on predicted powers for the candidate transmitters and measured power for the received signal because the reception signal strength in Nohara can be predicted and this would allow for an improved technique for determining approximate locations of mobile units in emergency situations.

Regarding claim 2 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 1 except for comparing the predicted power for each candidate transmitter against the measured power for the received signal, and wherein the identified transmitter for the received signal is the candidate transmitter with predicted power closest to the measured power. Nohara does teach determining a transmitter for each received signal that is the candidate transmitter (see col. 4, lines 23-28 and col. 9, lines 15-16). Koorapaty does teach comparing the predicted received signal strength values for each transmitter against the measured received signal strength values for the received signal and wherein the identified position is determined based on the difference between the predicted received signal strength values and measured received signal strength values (see paragraph [0011]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include comparing the predicted power for each candidate transmitter against the measured power for the received signal, and wherein the identified transmitter for the received signal is the candidate transmitter with predicted power closest to the measured power because this would allow for an improved technique for determining locations of mobile units with greater accuracy.

Regarding claim 3 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 1 except for determining a coverage zone to use for the received signal, and wherein the predicted power for each candidate transmitter is obtained based on the coverage zone. Nohara does teach determining a coverage zone to user for the received signal (see col. 9, lines 21-25 and FIG. 4). Koorapaty does teach a predicted received signal strength values for each transmitter (see paragraph [0010]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include determining a coverage zone to use for the received signal, and wherein the predicted power for each candidate transmitter is obtained based on the coverage zone because this would allow for an improved technique for determining locations of mobile units with greater accuracy.

Regarding claim 5 Nohara teaches the coverage zone is derived based on one or more coverage areas of one or more identified transmitters (see col. 9, lines 21-25 and FIG. 4).

Regarding claim 8 Koorapaty teaches the predicted received signal strength values for each transmitter is determined based on field data (see paragraph [0010]).

Regarding claim 9 Nohara teaches a wireless communication system that is a CDMA system (see col. 6, lines 12-16).

Regarding claim 10 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 9 except for a list of base station transceivers (BTSS) with same PN offset. Nohara does teach detecting reception timing (see col. 6, lines 53-55). Koorapaty does teach a base station transceiver (BTS) (see paragraph [0010]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include a list of base station transceivers

(BTSs) with same PN offset because this would allow for an improved technique for locating mobile units in a wireless CDMA communication system.

Regarding claim 11 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 1 except for obtaining predicted propagation delay for each candidate transmitter in the list, and wherein the transmitter for the received signal is further identified based on predicted propagation delays for the candidate transmitter and measured propagation delay for the received signal. Nohara does teach determining a transmitter for each received signal (see col. 4, lines 23-28). Koorapaty does teach obtaining predicted values for each transmitter, and wherein the transmitter for the received signal is further identified based on predicted values for the transmitter and measured values for the received signal (see paragraphs [0010] & [0011]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include obtaining predicted propagation delay for each candidate transmitter in the list, and wherein the transmitter for the received signal is further identified based on predicted propagation delays for the candidate transmitter and measured propagation delay for the received signal because this would allow for an improved technique for locating mobile units by communicating signal strength measurements.

Regarding claim 12 Nohara teaches determining a transmitter for each received signal (see col. 4, lines 23-28). Nohara does not specifically teach determining a power delta for each candidate transmitter as a difference between the predicted power for the candidate transmitter and the measured power of the received signal, determining a propagation delay delta for each candidate transmitter as a difference between the predicted propagation delay for the candidate transmitter and the measured propagation delay for the received signal, and obtaining a weighted

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sum of the power delta and the propagation delay delta for each candidate transmitter, and wherein the identified transmitter for the received signal is the candidate transmitter with a smallest weighted sum. Koorapaty teaches determining the difference between the predicted received signal strength values for the transmitter and the measured received signal strength values of the received signal (see paragraphs [0010] & [0011]). Koorapaty teaches determining the difference between predicted values for the transmitter and the measured values for the received signal (see paragraphs [0010] & [0011]). Koorapaty teaches obtaining a weighted sum (see paragraph [0027]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include determining a power delta for each candidate transmitter as a difference between the predicted power for the candidate transmitter and the measured power of the received signal, determining a propagation delay delta for each candidate transmitter as a difference between the predicted propagation delay for the candidate transmitter and the measured propagation delay for the received signal, and obtaining a weighted sum of the power delta and the propagation delay delta for each candidate transmitter, and wherein the identified transmitter for the received signal is the candidate transmitter with a smallest weighted sum because this would allow for an improved technique for locating mobile units by communicating signal strength measurements.

Regarding claim 13 Nohara teaches a method for identifying transmitters in a wireless communication system (see col. 4, lines 33-41). Nohara teaches obtaining a plurality of received signals for a plurality of transmitters (see col. 3, lines 12-15, col. 6, lines 34-37 and FIG. 4). Nohara teaches determining a transmitter for each received signal (see col. 4, lines 23-28). Nohara teaches determining a list of candidate transmitters for the received signal (see col. 9,

lines 20-25). Nohara does not specifically teach obtaining predicted power for each candidate transmitter in the list, obtaining predicted power for an identified transmitter, and determining the transmitter for the received signal based on predicted powers for the candidate transmitters, the predicted power for the identified transmitter, measured power for the received signal, and measured power for the identified transmitter. Koorapaty teaches obtaining predicted received signal strength values for each transmitter (paragraph [0010], expected signal strength values of signals transmitted by base stations relate to predicted power for each transmitter). Koorapaty teaches determining position based on predicted received signal strength values and measured received signal strength values (see paragraph [0011], predicted received signal strength relates to predicted power and measured received signal strength relates to measured power). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the identifying step in Nohara adapt to include obtaining predicted power for each candidate transmitter in the list, obtaining predicted power for an identified transmitter, and determining the transmitter for the received signal based on predicted powers for the candidate transmitters, the predicted power for the identified transmitter, measured power for the received signal, and measured power for the identified transmitter because the reception signal strength in Nohara can be predicted and this would allow for an improved technique for determining approximate locations of mobile units in emergency situations.

Regarding claim 14 Nohara teach determining a transmitter for each received signal (see col. 4, lines 23-28). Nohara does not specifically teach comparing a relative predicted power for each candidate transmitter against a relative measured power for the received signal, the relative predicted power being a difference between the predicted power for the candidate transmitter and

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the predicted power for the identified transmitter, the relative measured power being a difference between the measured power of the received signal and the measured power for the identified transmitter, and wherein the identified transmitter for each received signal is the candidate transmitter with relative predicted power closest to the relative measured power. Koorapaty teaches comparing predicted received signal strength values for each transmitter against a measured received signal strength values for the received signal (see paragraph [0011]).

Koorapaty teaches a difference between the predicted received signal strength values for the transmitter and the predicted received signal strength values for the identified transmitter (see paragraphs [0010] & [0011]). Koorapaty teaches measured received signal strength values being a difference between the measured received signal strength values of the received signal and the measured received signal strength values for the identified transmitter (see paragraphs [0010] & [0011]). Koorapaty teaches the identified position is determined with a difference between predicted received signal strength values and measured received signal strength values that are within a threshold (see paragraphs [0012] & [0013]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include comparing a relative predicted power for each candidate transmitter against a relative measured power for the received signal, the relative predicted power being a difference between the predicted power for the candidate transmitter and the predicted power for the identified transmitter, the relative measured power being a difference between the measured power of the received signal and the measured power for the identified transmitter, and wherein the identified transmitter for each received signal is the candidate transmitter with relative predicted power

closest to the relative measured power because this would allow for an improved technique for determining approximate locations of mobile units in emergency situations.

Regarding claim 15 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 3 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 16 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 9 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 17 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 13 except for obtaining predicted propagation delay for each candidate transmitter in the list, obtaining predicted propagation delay for the identified transmitter, and wherein the transmitter for the received signal is further identified based on predicted propagation delays for the candidate transmitter, the predicted propagation delay for the identified transmitter, measured propagation delay for the received signal, and measured propagation delay for the identified transmitter. Nohara does teach determining a transmitter for each received signal (see col. 4, lines 23-28). Koorapaty does teach obtaining predicted values for each transmitter, and wherein the transmitter for the received signal is further identified based on predicted values for the transmitter and measured values for the received signal (see paragraphs [0010] & [0011]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include obtaining predicted propagation delay for each candidate transmitter in the list, obtaining predicted propagation delay for the identified transmitter, and wherein the transmitter for the received signal is further identified based on predicted propagation delays for the candidate transmitter, the predicted propagation delay for the identified transmitter, measured propagation delay for the received signal, and measured

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propagation delay for the identified transmitter because this would allow for an improved technique for locating mobile units by communicating signal strength measurements.

Regarding claim 18 Nohara teach determining a transmitter for each received signal (see col. 4, lines 23-28). Nohara does not specifically teach determining a relative power delta for each candidate transmitter, determining a relative propagation delay delta for each candidate transmitter, and obtaining a weighted sum of the relative power delta and the relative propagation delay delta for each candidate transmitter, and wherein the identified transmitter for the received signal is the candidate transmitter with a smallest weighted sum. Koorapaty teaches determining the difference between predicted values for the transmitter and the measured values for the received signal (see paragraphs [0010] & [0011]). Koorapaty teaches obtaining a weighted sum (see paragraph [0027]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include determining a relative power delta for each candidate transmitter, determining a relative propagation delay delta for each candidate transmitter, and obtaining a weighted sum of the relative power delta and the relative propagation delay delta for each candidate transmitter, and wherein the identified transmitter for the received signal is the candidate transmitter with a smallest weighted sum because this would allow for an improved technique for locating mobile units by communicating signal strength measurements

Regarding claim 19 Nohara teaches an apparatus operable to identify transmitters in a wireless communication system (see col. 4, lines 33-41). Nohara teaches obtaining a plurality of received signals for a plurality of transmitters (see col. 3, lines 12-15, col. 6, lines 34-37 and FIG. 4). Nohara teaches determining a plurality of lists of candidate transmitters for the plurality of

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received signal, one candidate list for each received signal (see col. 9, lines 20-25). Nohara does not specifically teach obtaining predicted power for each candidate transmitter in the list, and identifying the transmitter for the received signal based on predicted powers for the candidate transmitters and measured power for the received signal. Koorapaty teaches obtaining predicted received signal strength values for each transmitter (paragraph [0010], expected signal strength values of signals transmitted by base stations relate to predicted power for each transmitter). Koorapaty teaches identifying position based on predicted received signal strength values and measured received signal strength values (see paragraph [0011], predicted received signal strength relates to predicted power and measured received signal strength relates to measured power). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the identifying step in Nohara adapt to include obtaining predicted power for each candidate transmitter in the list, and identifying the transmitter for the received signal based on predicted powers for the candidate transmitters and measured power for the received signal because the reception signal strength in Nohara can be predicted and this would allow for an improved technique for determining approximate locations of mobile units in emergency situations.

Regarding claim 20 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 3 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 24 Nohara teaches an apparatus operable to identify transmitters in a wireless communication system (see col. 4, lines 33-41). Nohara does not specifically teach obtaining predicted power or wherein the transmitter for each received signal is further identified based on the predicted power for the identified transmitter for the received signal. Koorapaty

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teaches obtaining predicted received signal strength values and a transmitter for a received signal is identified based on the predicted received signal strength values (see paragraph [0010] & [0011]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include obtaining predicted power or wherein the transmitter for each received signal is further identified based on the predicted power for the identified transmitter for the received signal because this would allow for an improved technique for determining approximate locations of mobile units in emergency situations.

Regarding claim 25 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 11 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 26 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 9 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 27 Nohara teaches an apparatus operable to identify transmitters in a wireless communication system (see col. 4, lines 33-41). Nohara teaches obtaining a plurality of received signals for a plurality of transmitters (see col. 3, lines 12-15, col. 6, lines 34-37 and FIG. 4). Nohara teaches determining a plurality of lists of candidate transmitters for the plurality of received signal, one candidate list for each received signal (see col. 9, lines 20-25). Nohara teaches memory and a flowchart showing an operation of selecting a base station (see col. 6, lines 1-4). Nohara does not specifically teach obtaining predicted power for each candidate transmitter in the list, and identifying the transmitter for the received signal based on predicted powers for the candidate transmitters and measured power for the received signal. Koorapaty teaches obtaining predicted received signal strength values for each transmitter (paragraph [0010], expected signal strength values of signals transmitted by base stations relate to predicted

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power for each transmitter). Koorapaty teaches identifying position based on predicted received signal strength values and measured received signal strength values (see paragraph [0011], predicted received signal strength relates to predicted power and measured received signal strength relates to measured power). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the identifying step in Nohara adapt to include obtaining predicted power for each candidate transmitter in the list, and identifying the transmitter for the received signal based on predicted powers for the candidate transmitters and measured power for the received signal because the reception signal strength in Nohara can be predicted and this would allow for an improved technique for determining approximate locations of mobile units in emergency situations.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nohara in view of Koorapaty and Remy.

Regarding claim 4 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 3 except for predicted power for each transmitter that is obtained for a centroid of the coverage zone. Koorapaty does teach predicted power for a transmitter (see paragraph [0010]). Remy teaches a centroid of the coverage zone (see paragraph [0022]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include predicted power for each transmitter that is obtained for a centroid of the coverage zone because this would allow for an improved technique for determining locations of mobile units with greater accuracy.

Claims 6-7 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nohara in view of Koorapaty and Naghian.

Regarding claim 6 Nohara and Koorapaty teach a device as recited in claim 1 except for predicted power for each candidate transmitter that is determined based on a path loss prediction model. Naghian does teach a path loss prediction model (see paragraph [0120]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include predicted power for each candidate transmitter that is determined based on a path loss prediction model because this would allow for an improved technique for locating mobile units by communicating signal strength measurements.

Regarding claim 7 Naghian teaches a path loss prediction model that is based on Okumura-Hata model (see paragraphs [0119] & [0120]).

Regarding claim 21 Nohara, Koorapaty, and Naghian teach a device as recited in claim 6 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 22 Nohara, Koorapaty, and Naghian teach a device as recited in claim 7 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 23 Nohara Koorapaty and Naghian teach a device as recited in claim 21 except for means for storing information used for the path loss prediction model. Koorapaty does teach storing information (see paragraph [0010]). Naghian does teach information used for the path loss prediction model (see paragraphs [0120]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include means for storing information used for the path loss prediction model because this would allow for an improved technique for locating mobile units by communicating signal strength measurements.

Response to Arguments

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Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shioda et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,853,847 B2 discloses a method and apparatus for positioning a mobile station.

Ravi et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,560,462 B1 discloses a system and method for determining the location of a mobile station in a wireless network.

Ogino et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,865,394 B2 discloses a location detection method, location detection system and location detection program.

Reed et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,161,018 discloses a method and system for estimating a subscriber's location in a wireless communication system service area.

Chang et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,263,208 B1 discloses geolocation estimation method for CDMA terminals based on pilot strength measurements.

Messier et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,246,861 B1 discloses cellular telephone location system.

Hall et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,424,837 B1 discloses automated testing for cellular telephone system including emergency positioning.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon J. Miller whose telephone number is 571-272-7869.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 571-272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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